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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND IMAGE READING METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Formalities

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and for confirming receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

However, the Examiner did not indicate whether the Formal Drawings filed on August 28, 2000 have been accepted. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge and approve the aforementioned Formal Drawings.